

MANY HOUSES
SHAKEN DOWN

Earthquakes Accompanied
Two More Violent
Eruptions

TERROR-STRICKEN
POPULACE FLEES

New Disturbance on Island
of Sakura, Japan,
Last Night

Kagoshima, Japan, Jan. 17.—Two more violent eruptions of the volcano Sakurajima, accompanied by severe earthquakes, occurred last night, causing the collapse of many buildings. The ashes are falling thickly over this city to-day, causing the inhabitants to flee terror-stricken.

Professor Omori, the Japanese seismologist, who circled the island of Sakurajima in a boat, found pronounced physical change. About seven-tenths of the island is now a desert of lava, and the remaining land is in such a hopeless condition that it must be abandoned. Fifteen hundred of the 2,000 houses have been buried, and the estimated property damage is 10,000,000 yen.

Professor Omori thinks the entire volcanic range of Kishiu has entered upon a period of activity that recurs every sixty years and people must guard against eruptions at any time.

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 17.—An indication that the loss of life on the island of Sakurajima, which was devastated by the eruption of the volcano Sakurajima, may be larger than supposed is given in a report received to-day from an official of the department of the interior who was sent to Kagoshima and vicinity to investigate. He reports that but 9,000 out of Sakurajima's estimated population of 19,000 have yet been accounted for.

Measures for the relief of the sufferers from the famine in the north and from the eruptions in the south are rapidly assuming shape, now that the extent of the disaster is more definitely known. Bishop Walter Andrews of the English church in Hokkaido, the famine-stricken district, writes that suffering everywhere is intense. The farmers are the hardest hit, and their families are eating soup made of chopped straw, leaves and rotten potatoes and meat taken from cats and dogs. The more fortunate have thin gruel made of rice or wheat. Many people have died of cold or starvation and many girls have been sold into slavery and children faint in school, being sick from lack of food.

GRAPHIC STORY OF HORROR.
Eruption of Sakurajima Described by
T. R. Hoyer.

Tokio, Jan. 17.—A letter received here yesterday from T. R. Hoyer of the Young Men's Christian association at Kagoshima tells graphically the story of the eruption of Sakurajima and of the events that followed it. The letter, which is dated Jan. 12, says:

"Sakurajima has now been in violent eruption for 13 hours. There was a severe earthquake at 6:35 o'clock this evening, and in panic the people fled to the hills.

"Great damage was done by the shock. Stone walls are lying in the streets, chimneys have fallen through the roofs of the flimsy wooden structures, the dikes have been smashed and valuable vases and ornaments destroyed.

"The people who remain in the city are cowering in the streets, the temple grounds and grace yards. There has been no looting although the shops are exposed. The crater's roar keeps all the people awake. The first eruption occurred at 9 this morning and ashes were hurled high in the air. Schools were suspended and business came to a standstill.

"Many persons had left Sakurajima, warned by the severe earthquake shocks and the swelling of the earth. Hundreds of snappers brought the destitute across the bay of Kagoshima. From this city could be seen the appalling shower of rocks, some of them apparently as large as a house, hurled hundreds of feet into the air and dropping again on the island. By this evening it is probable that all the villages on the mountain have been burned.

"At the wharf here many pitiful scenes were witnessed. Women were weeping or crying for protection. They could hardly wait to reach the shore to tell the story of those left behind. One old man carried a pet bird. Five thousand destitute persons are quartered in the schools and temples of Kagoshima. All the people have fled from the water front and carts, packed with bedding and trunks, and women laden with burdens on their backs, are hastening from the city.

"Sakurajima, which is 26 miles in circumference, probably was the most beautiful island in Japan, but now it will be a disgusting, ugly mass of pumice, if it does not disappear altogether.

"As the foregoing sentence was written a door collapsed directly in front of my desk. The air concussion was terrific.

"It is impossible to tell how long the house will bear the shaking. The very floor is moving away from under my feet. It is dangerous to walk in the streets for fear of being struck by falling walls or tiles. Sleeping is entirely out of the question.

"Early this evening the skies above Sakurajima were fire-red and the large full moon actually was bloody. No painter would have pictured doomsday more vividly."

Reserve Bank Organizers on Tour.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The reserve bank organization committee left to-day for a five weeks' trip through the west.

FEAR FOUL PLAY
IN RUTLAND DEATH

Body of William Hubbard, Aged 60, Was Found About a Mile from the Center of the City Last Night.

Rutland, Jan. 17.—The finding of William Hubbard, 60 years old, dead in the center of the highway on Woodstock avenue at a point about a mile from the business section of the city shortly after 10 o'clock last night, with his scalp badly torn and his face disfigured points to the possibility of foul play.

State's Attorney B. L. Stafford, who was notified of the finding of the body about 11 o'clock last evening, immediately started an investigation, but has been unable to obtain a clue as to the man's whereabouts yesterday except that he came into the city in the morning expecting to return to the home of his sister, Mrs. W. A. Sparks, who lives about a half mile beyond the city poor farm.

About 10 o'clock last evening Police Officer Timothy Dwyer answered a telephone call at the police station and was informed that a man was lying in the middle of the street on Woodstock avenue, between Youngs and Peryea's. The call came from Ray Demick, who was driving from Mendon to this city.

Officer Dwyer secured a hack, driven by Harold L. Foye of the C. D. Morse livery stable, and went immediately to the scene. Hubbard was found lying in the road with his head near the center of the traveled path and with his feet toward the north.

The man was placed in the back and brought to the police station, where it was discovered that he was dead. Word was sent to State's Attorney Stafford and Health Officer F. H. Gebhardt. They went to the police station, where the body was viewed before being removed to the St. Francis undertaking rooms.

The state's attorney and Health Officer Gebhardt started for Mendon to learn what they could concerning the identity of the man. They found that Hubbard was employed as a molder by the Howe Scale company and that he had not been at work for two days. It was learned that he lived with his sister, Mrs. Sparks, and that he came to the city in the morning with the understanding that he would return home last evening with the Sparks family.

When the Sparks family went to Dwyer's stable last evening, Mrs. Sparks was sent to meet her brother, Hubbard did not put in an appearance and the family returned without him.

They had no intimation of anything wrong until interrogated by the state's attorney.

An examination of the spot where Hubbard was found shows a number of tracks indicating that possibly there had been a scuffle. About six feet from the spot where the body was found is a spot in the snow which was evidently made by the body of a man.

The examination of the spot where Hubbard was found was made by State's Attorney Stafford, Health Officer Gebhardt, Chief of Police Jesse Young and a Herald reporter.

Hubbard was well known in labor circles in this city, being a member of the local molder's union. He leaves four sons, and one daughter.

MIDDLEBURY STORE ROBBED.

Marauders Got \$25 Worth from John H. Stewart's Place.

Middlebury, Jan. 17.—Some time during Thursday night or Friday morning the hardware store of John H. Stewart on Merchant Row was entered and about \$25 worth of material was removed, consisting of revolvers, flash lights, cartridges, jack knives, watches and pennies from the cash register. The articles were easily found missing as Mr. Stewart is taking stock. Entrance was gained by breaking a light of glass in the door which leads into the shop on the east side of the building. It is evident that the thief was committed by somebody well acquainted with the store for they seemed to pick out the best stuff and found the things that went together. An attempt to rob this store was made a few years ago, but the thieves were discovered and got out of the way.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH.

Miss Adelaide Gordon, Aged 20, Was Alone in Her Home.

Emery Mills, Me., Jan. 17.—Adelaide Gordon, aged 20, died yesterday afternoon as the result of burns received while alone in the morning at the home of her father, Sidney Gordon.

While passing the house Charles Rowell, a local business man, heard screams and entered the dwelling, where he found the girl lying on the floor enveloped in flames. Ham Garvin also arrived, but it was impossible to quench the flames before the clothing was nearly all burned from the young woman's body.

CITY MANAGER SCHEME.

Is Being Investigated by Committee of St. Albans Men.

St. Albans, Jan. 17.—The committee of three from the city council, recently named to appoint a committee of six to inquire into the matter of carrying on the affairs of the city under a paid manager plan, has appointed a committee of eight, consisting of Stephen E. Royce, W. T. Merritt, Fuller C. Smith, William H. Finn, A. H. George, L. J. Morton, Nelson E. L'Euyer and W. H. Vorce. None of these men is a candidate for the position.

RESORTS TO WIRELESS.

Huerta Trying to Keep Track of the Mexican Rebels.

Berlin, Germany, Jan. 17.—The German Wireless Telegraph company to-day secured the contract for the erection of a wireless station at Mexico City to enable President Huerta to maintain communication with the columns of federal troops operating against the rebels in various parts of the country. Huerta finds the wireless desirable as the ordinary wire is so frequently cut.

CONDITION GIVES ALARM.

Baron Strachcona, Aged 94, Prostrated by Illness.

London, Jan. 17.—Baron Strachcona and royal high commissioner for Canada is seriously ill, suffering from great prostration following a sharp attack of catarrh. As he is 94 years old, his condition gives rise to much anxiety.

RAILROADS GET
THE MINIMUM

Rates Have Reached Rock
Bottom, Says Commissioner Prouty

FAVORS FEDERAL
RATE MAKING

Interstate Commerce Commission Made Address in Chicago

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 17.—Transportation charges by the railroads throughout the United States are so low that they are not a factor in the high cost of living, according to C. A. Prouty, a member of the interstate commerce commission, who spoke yesterday before the Traffic club of Chicago. The general level of railway rates in nearly all parts of the country has been lowered to a point where they cannot be further reduced, the speaker said. Stability is of more importance nowadays in the determination of a railroad's rates than elasticity.

The interstate commerce commission will never be efficient until it has power to regulate freight, passenger and express rates. If the rates were made by the federal government, the process would be simplified.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Young Physician in West Rutland Had Apparently Been Well.

Rutland, Jan. 17.—Dr. Louis G. Belisle, aged about 35 years, was found dead yesterday morning by a member of his household on Marble street, West Rutland. Dr. Belisle was in this city Thursday evening and apparently was in good health when he retired. Dr. C. B. Ross, health officer for the town of West Rutland, said yesterday that he found nothing to indicate that death was not due to natural causes.

None of Dr. Belisle's relatives live in West Rutland, but some of them have been communicated with to ascertain whether or not they wish an autopsy performed. Dr. Belisle has a wife and son who have been living apart from him in some other place. It is known that he had had financial trouble lately, his automobile having been attached for debts. The physician had practiced in West Rutland about three years, going thence from Berlin, N. H. He studied medicine in Canada.

VILLAGE LOST SUIT.

Bennington Corporation Attorney Had Sued for Salary.

Bennington, Jan. 17.—Judge Leighton P. Slack yesterday handed down a decision in the case of Charles A. Maurer, corporation attorney, vs. the village of Bennington, for the plaintiff to recover \$800 for services and \$143 for expenses. The suit was brought by the corporation attorney to recover from the village the sum of \$2,700.34, services and expenses incurred in the service of the village while the water was in process of being transferred to the village by the former owner, Henry W. Putnam of San Diego, Cal. The board of village trustees refused to pay the bill in full and the plaintiff brought suit. T. W. Moloney appeared for the plaintiff and Collins M. Graves and R. E. Healy for the village. The evidence was completed Thursday afternoon and the case was left with the court without argument.

MILK PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

Decided on by New England Milk Producers' Ass'n.

Boston, Jan. 17.—A campaign to acquaint consumers with the cost of producing milk of good quality was decided upon yesterday by the New England Milk Producers' association. The purpose of the movement is to gain the co-operation of the public which, in the opinion of the association, has shown a spirit of hostility toward efforts of milkmen to obtain a higher price for their product.

This action, which followed a recommendation of Secretary Richard Pattee of Laconia, N. H., was the principal result of the annual meeting. Presidents, J. K. Mills of Northboro and Harry Dean of Grafton, N. H.; treasurer, H. L. Webster of Canaan, N. H.; and Secretary Pattee.

MESSAGES DELIVERED.

At Annual Meeting of Vermont State Spiritualist Association.

The annual meeting of the Vermont State Spiritualist association opened yesterday in the Grand Army hall, in Montpelier, the first session being devoted to a conference and discussion on the society's affairs.

Last evening Wellman C. Whitney of Springfield, Mass., addressed a large gathering and delivered the messages. The meetings continue through to-day and this evening and close to-morrow, with addresses by A. F. Hubbard and Mr. Whitney.

NO TRACE DISCOVERED

Of British Submarine A7 Which Went Down Yesterday.

Plymouth, England, Jan. 17.—No trace had been found late this afternoon of the British submarine A7, which was lost yesterday in Whitesand bay. She carried down two officers and nine men.

HAS DREAD DISEASE.

Lymphus Fever Discovered on Incoming Steamer at New York.

New York, Jan. 17.—Another case of dread lymphus fever came into port to-day on the steamship Belvidere from Trieste. A steerage passenger was the victim. Symptoms were noticed in another passenger which indicated that he was suffering from the disease.

TEACHING HEALTH
BY MOVING PICTURES

State Board of Health Entertained and Instructed Audience of 800 Barre People Last Evening With 5,000 Feet of Film.

An audience of 800 people in the opera house last night saw at once the value of health properly demonstrated the theory that people do forget all they hear but remember a half, at least, of what they see. That the constant din of youthful chatter proceeding from balconies that were crowded with children prevented Dr. H. A. Ladd of Burlington from explaining the pictures and supplementing each film with a word picture did not defeat the purpose of the exhibition. The pictures spoke for themselves. Otherwise it was a serious audience that watched the moving dramas of health and disease prevention. The exhibition was one of a series which the state board is holding around the state on the strength of a legislative appropriation made in 1912. In the summer, the films are taken into the rural districts and unwound in country schoolhouses, village halls and sometimes at camp meetings.

The doctors and their assistants carry with them an electric generator of their own, which incidentally, is the only one of its kind in use; although the government seriously contemplates the purchase of a large number of the generators for educational purposes. Last year the board showed the pictures in 50 towns. The record will be bettered this year, it is believed. By way of showing the value of the exhibition, the exhibition it may be said that more people saw the pictures in this city than in any other town or city.

The first picture depicted the evils of water pollution, the remedy, and the penalty which adequate state laws mete out to violators of the statutes relating to pollution to rivers, lakes, ponds and springs. Film No. 2 was entitled "The Awakening of John Bond." Like many another inhabitant of the crowded districts, John Bond was content to rest easy in the midst of squalid conditions. Along comes the white plague and carries off a member of the family. Then there is a general infection of the survivors. A sister of John Bond complains to the tenement owner. He becomes frightened at her threat to expose him and he attempts to bribe the sanitary department. The latter shows him a Christmas seal issued by the American Red Cross. John awakens one day to find that a district nurse, by applying modern methods of sanitation, has transformed his humble home into an habitable place.

"The Man Who Learned" was none other than our old friend, the farmer. He has followed antiquated, unhealthy methods of dairying for 30 years and does not heed the protest of his eldest son. Angered, however, at the latter's constant cry for a cleaner dairy, the old gent sends the son, the son's wife and their little child away from the farm. In the crowded city, Son Jr. contracts a dangerous malady through the use of impure milk. The milk, by a strange turn of fate's balance wheel, came from the home farm back on the R. E. D. An anxious grandfather summoned to the city by gravity of the youngster's condition, learns a lesson and returns to the country with the strong resolve to improve his dairy, dispose of the boarders, and settle down to producing clean milk. For those who are after the drama and not the education, it may be noted that the little educational drama has a soft spot in his heart.

And so on. Film No. 3 presented a pictorial argument against the old idea that consumption is an incurable disease. Still another flashed the lesson of "prevention better and surer than a cure" on the screen. Perhaps 800 of the 5,000 feet of film were devoted to swatting the flies on canvas. Loathsome habits of the housewife were vividly brought before the audience. The program closed with a patriotic picture of Col. Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain boys at Ticonderoga. It was not the least interesting part of the affair, either. Dr. Ladd, his helpers and the films will be in Montpelier this evening.

NEVER REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS.

Albert Holland of Rutland Died Two Days After Shock.

Rutland, Jan. 17.—Never having regained consciousness since he was found Wednesday morning in the railroad yard, where he had suffered an attack of apoplexy, Albert Holland of 80 Brown street died at his home yesterday. There will be prayers for the family at 12 o'clock Sunday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock and the funeral will be held at two o'clock the same afternoon in Masonic temple, Killington Commandery, Knights Templar, of which Mr. Holland was a member, conducting the service.

Mr. Holland is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Mary E. Dupax, two sons, C. Wesley and J. Ray Holland, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Patnad, all of Rutland. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. David Van Gaasbeck, of New York, a brother, Hiram Holland of Rutland, two half-sisters, Mrs. A. C. Stoughton of Burlington and Mrs. M. J. Brophy of Rutland and Charles Patnad of Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Holland was born in Allburg and spent his school days in Leicester Junction. Coming to Rutland, he began employment on what is now the Rutland railroad. He had been constantly in the railroad's employ for 45 years, having served as conductor 44 years.

Besides his memberships in Center lodge of Masons, Davenport chapter, R. A. M., and Killington commandery, Mr. Holland belonged to the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

G. S. Bridge of Windsor Appears in Court in Westfield, Mass.

Westfield, Mass., Jan. 17.—G. S. Bridge of Windsor, Vt., was in district court yesterday, charged with the larceny of \$31.50 from the Westfield Times company. Bridge pleaded not guilty and his case was continued under \$300 bonds until Wednesday. It is claimed that a check he gave George D. Roe of The Times company for some advertising space was not met by funds. Bridge said he supposed his sister had deposited \$50 for him and said the whole matter was a mistake. He made an assignment yesterday to The Times company of uncollected claims in an advertising plan he was working on, and he also telegraphed his sister for funds.

FIRE HORROR
AT BROCKTON

Four Occupants of Apartment House Suffocated in Their Beds

OTHERS JUMPED INTO LIFENETS

Five Persons Injured, Two of Whom Are in the Hospital

Brockton, Mass., Jan. 17.—Four persons were killed and five were injured, some of them seriously, in an apartment house fire to-day.

The Dead:
W. BERNARD MONAHAN.
MRS. MARY J. MONAHAN.
M. CRAWFORD LININTHAL.
JAMES STAPLETON.

The fire started in the tower part of a three-story structure and when it was discovered by neighbors, the exit by the stairways had been cut off. The firemen then stretched life nets and rescued many of the occupants in that manner. Most of those who were injured sustained their hurts by jumping from the upper windows.

The bodies of the dead were found in their beds, they having been suffocated. W. A. Rano, who lived on the upper floor of the building with his wife and three small children, tossed two of the older children into a life net, while his wife climbed down a fire escape ladder to the second floor, from which she tossed her baby into the arms of some men below. Then Mrs. Rano dropped safely into a net. Having seen his family all safe, Rano jumped to a life net, but his weight was too much for the firemen and he struck the ground heavily, receiving serious internal injuries. William Boney also was seriously injured by jumping and he was taken to the hospital along with Rano.

The interior of the building was badly damaged by the flames before the firemen could get control. The cause of the fire is not known.

A tax bill found in the pocket of one of the persons killed in the building revealed that it was the body of James Stapleton, who had lodged with Rano but two days. Stapleton was a resident of this city.

The property loss was only \$12,000.

COL. GORGAS NAMED
SURGEON-GENERAL

Nomination Will Be Presented to Senate for Confirmation—It Was Forecasted Some Time Ago.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The nomination of Colonel William D. Gorgas of the Istbanian canal commission to be surgeon-general of the army was prepared by the White House to-day at the suggestion of President Wilson for formal presentation to the Senate. The nomination of Colonel Gorgas was forecasted sometime ago.

WOMEN DUMPED OUT.

When Horse Became Frightened on Main Street.

Mrs. Charles Ellenwood of South Barre and a woman companion were thrown from the sleigh in which they were riding near the Howland block shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. Their horse became frightened when the sleigh runners began to grate in the car tracks. He gave a sudden lurch that threw the occupants into the street and then started on a canter toward the city park. In front of the Averill hardware store the sleigh collided with a hydrant, but the horse continued traveling. Once he made a threatening advance on the large window in the Perry & Camp store and a second collision with something less substantial than a hydrant was narrowly averted. Reaching the Prospect street intersection, the horse turned and was presently leading his pursuers a merry chase around Burnham's meadow, where he was afterwards caught.

The women escaped with a few minor bruises. Both were assisted into the Woolworth store, where they were revived from the effects of a bad scare. The horse, too, escaped injury, although the sleigh was partially demolished. The runaway occurred at a time when the mercantile district was crowded with shoppers. There was some talk bustling on the part of pedestrians before the horse secured the right of way.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PHOEBE GALE

Was Held from Her Late Home on Summer Street.

The funeral of Mrs. Phoebe W. Gale, whose death at her home, 7 Summer street, Thursday evening followed a paralytic shock which she sustained Jan. 5, was held at the house this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Frank A. Walker, a reader of the Christian Science society in Barre, officiating. The bearers were as follows: George Gates of Barre, Clyde Bailey of West Berlin, John Foss of Plainfield, Bert Gale of Montpelier, C. D. Swasey of Waterbury and H. N. Bailey. During the services Mrs. Gladys B. Bradley of Montpelier sang two selections. The interment was made in the family lot in Elmwood cemetery.

Among the people who attended the funeral from out of the city were Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Swasey and Bert Webster of Waterbury, John Foss of Plainfield, Mrs. George Whitcomb of Plainfield, and Miss Anna Eliza Penniman of Williamstown. Several members of Col. J. B. Meade circle, No. 1, Ladies of the G. A. R., to which Mrs. Gale belonged, were also present at the services.

Weather Forecast.

Snow and colder to-night; Sunday colder and fair except probably local snows in Maine; moderate north winds.

"INDIANS" DANCED LAST NIGHT.

Barre Club Gave Annual Affair in Clan Gordon Hall.

About 150 people, including guests from Montpelier, Northfield, Waterbury and Burlington, attended the third annual banquet and ball of the Indian Athletic club last evening in the Clan Gordon hall in the Bolster building. Judged from every angle, the event proved of greater merit than either of the previous affairs of the club. The hall was attractively decorated in a color scheme of blue and white, the Indian club colors. The decorations consisted of large pennants, streamers, bells and cut flowers. The orchestral platform was banked in evergreen and palms. Cut flowers were in a profusion around the orchestra box. Directly over the platform was strung in relief the inscription, "Indian Athletic club."

The banquet was served late in the evening. Ronald McMillan acted as toastmaster and acted efficiently and his interpretation of Canadian dialect stories brought forth rounds of applause. Toastmaster McMillan extended felicitations to the visiting guests. During the course of his remarks he lauded the progress the Indian club had been making in the social life of the younger element of Barre and also briefly traced the history of the club. John Duncan rendered several vocal solos, "Wee Bonnie Mary" receiving the most applause. Elio Prestini responded to the "Toast to the Ladies." Thomas Forbes gave a reading. William Peiper responded to the toast, "To Barre." After vocal solos by Vivian Bylow, Edward Milne brought the exercises to a close with a "Toast to the Indian Club." The banquet was catered for by Mrs. Benedict. About seventy couples were in line during the grand march which was led by John Duncan and Miss Dorothy Bruce. Dancing was continued until an early hour in the morning. Music was furnished by the Barre opera house orchestra of five pieces. The success of the event was in a great measure due to the untiring work of Archie McDonald and Thomas Forbes, who comprised the committee in charge. Edward Milne acted as floor manager.

IS A CANDIDATE
FOR MAYORALTY

Frank E. Langley Makes Announcement and States That His Platform Will Be Living Within Municipal Income at Low Tax Rate.

To the voters of Barre:
Believing that the city should live within its income, and making that my platform, I make bold to announce myself a candidate for the office of mayor of Barre at the coming March election. During the past year the city has expended approximately \$20,000 more than its income from taxation. This policy cannot be continued indefinitely without bankruptcy. Either more taxes must be raised or less money expended.

The rate of expenditure the past year, if continued this year, will mean a \$20,000 tax at the lowest. This seems, and I believe is, unnecessary, and if chosen your mayor I shall do my utmost to keep expenditures down.

Frank E. Langley.

PAST MASTERS' NIGHT.

Was Attended by 150 Masons at Annual Reunion.

Past masters of Granite lodge, No. 35, F. & A. M., had their annual reunion in the Masonic chambers in the Blanchard building last night. The occasion was the conferring of the M. M. degree on several candidates, all of the chairs being occupied by Masons who at one time or another have acted as masters of Granite lodge. There were 150 lodge men present, including a number from out of the city. Fifteen of the seven living past masters were also in attendance. The chairs were occupied as follows: W. M., James Coutts; S. W., James G. Pirie; J. W., E. B. Whitaker; S. D., John G. Wyllie; J. D., Arthur C. Tilden; S. S., W. W. Anderson; J. S., O. J. Dodge; marshal, Frank L. Small; chaplain, O. H. Reed; secretary, W. E. Catto; treasurer, Charles T. Campbell.

After the ceremonial there was an enjoyable program of short speeches, solos and instrumental music. Among those who sang were John C. Wyllie and John Angus. The Masonic orchestra of six pieces rendered several fine selections. H. Sweet of Orleans, T. E. Moore of Concord, N. H., and a number of local Masons contributed terse five-minute speeches that were well received. A buffet luncheon brought the affair to a close.

DEFEATED IN CLOSE GAME.

Spaulding Lost to People's Academy at Morrisville, 17 to 15.

Morrisville, Jan. 17.—With only two minutes of play remaining, People's academy closed in on Spaulding high school's basketball quintet here last night, broke the visitors' two-point lead and won out, 17 to 15. It was the first game seen here in several seasons. The Barre boys led the locals, 9 to 6, at the end of the first period. Lightning shots by Levin and Oliver at long ranges were chiefly responsible for this lead. In the last half, People's academy showed marked speed and pushed the Spaulding team to the limit.

Parker was the individual star, several of his baskets being made from half the length of the floor. Fouling was frequent and Spaulding lost occasional chances to increase its margin by poor tossing on fouls. Five of the visitors' points, however, came from fouls. Thomas of Morrisville umpired the game and J. Kennebec of Barre was the referee. Spaulding plays Stowe high school to-night.

The line-up was as follows:
Spaulding H. S. People's Acad.
Tomasi rf lg Stowell
Levin f rg Bridges
Carroll c e Bartell
Olliver rg lf Parker
Hooker lg rf Batty

IN PROBATE COURT.

Frank Nichols Appointed Guardian for Montpelier Man.

In probate court to-day Frank G. Wheaton of Montpelier was appointed administrator de bonis non of the estate of the late C. A. Wheaton of Barre and also for the estate of Mrs. Marcia C. Wheaton, late of Barre.

Frank Nichols of Barre was appointed guardian for W. A. Daniels of Montpelier, who owns some property on Barre street in Montpelier and who recently was adjudged mentally incompetent to look after the property.

VERMONT BUSINESS TROUBLE.

James Davidson of Barre and John Blake, Jr., of Lyndon, File Petitions.

Rutland, Jan. 17.—James Davidson of Barre, a sawyer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court. His liabilities are \$2,957 and he has assets of \$1,025, of which \$200 is claimed exempt. A petition has also been filed by John Blake, Jr., of Lyndon, a laborer, who gives his liabilities as \$203.02, and his assets as \$220.72, with \$108 exempt.

BOYS ENGAGE
IN CONFERENCE

Big Representation of the State's "Older Boys" at Montpelier

WERE WELCOMED
LAST EVENING

Albert E. Roberts of New York Delivered an Address

The older Vermont boys' conference, with an attendance of nearly 400, opened yesterday in Montpelier, and it was a most enthusiastic gathering. Last evening Albert E. Roberts of New York City, an officer of the international Y. M. C. A., delivered an address on "Why Are We Here?"

Mr. Roberts assured the boys that they have not assembled in Montpelier for fun, but rather to assimilate a feeling of good fellowship and brotherly assistance which